**Chapter 19 Reading Questions American Pageant**

1. In what ways did abolitionists mount a highly visible campaign against slavery? Include examples of strategies of resistance such as arguments, assistance in helping slaves escape, and the use of violence.
2. Explain how the Kansas-Nebraska Act proposed to resolve the issue of slavery in the territories and how it failed.
3. Explain how the *Dred Scott v. Sandford* Supreme Court decision proposed to resolve the issue of slavery in the territories and how it failed.
4. How did the Lincoln-Douglas debates and the Illinois senate race in 1858 propel the career of Abraham Lincoln and facilitate the rise of the Republican Party on the national stage?
5. Explain how the second party system came to an end when the issues of slavery and anti-immigrant nativism weakened loyalties to the two major parties and fostered the emergence of sectional parties in the North and the Mid-west. (a bit of carry-over from #4)
6. Why did Southern leaders conclude that their states must secede from the Union after the election of 1860?
7. In your opinion, was the U.S. Civil War inevitable? Support your answer.